

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE,

IN THE MATTER OF:

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MASHIMO, et al

FILED: September 19, 2000

SERIAL NO. 09/663,956 ✓

FOR: WOBBLE SIGNAL DETECTION CIRCUIT WITH IMPROVED CAPACITY
TO REPRODUCE ATIP INFORMATION AND OPTICAL DISK APPARATUS
HAVING SUCH

RESPONSE

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This is in response to the outstanding office communication dated March 2, 2004.

Any necessary fees should be deducted from Deposit Account No. 01-1944.

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, applicant provisionally elects species a for prosecution on the merits under 37 CFR 1.141. The claims in the subject application which are readable on the elected species a include claims 1, 2, 6 and 7. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant acknowledges that upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of additional claims to additional species provided they are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

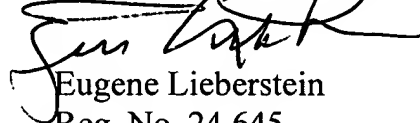
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Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application based upon non-elected claims 3-5 and 8-10 at a later time.

Respectfully submitted,



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